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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hashem Akhavan-Tafti, Renuka DeSilva and Wenhua Xie

Serial No.: 10/029,222                      Group Art Unit: 1625

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: IMPROVED COMPOUNDS FOR GENERATING CHEMILUMINESCENCE  
WITH A PEROXIDASE

Examiner: E. Huang

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(1)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on January 24, 2003. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the petition fee of \$465 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account 12-2368. Favorable consideration of this petition is respectfully requested.

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